GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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ERADICATION OF LEPROSY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of leprosy have been increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether the WHO and other US organizations have extended financial and other help to India to fight the disease;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the present target of the Union Government to eliminate leprosy?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. In fact there has been a declining trend in so far as number of leprosy patients are concerned.

(c) & (d) The WHO has supplied Anti leprosy drugs, free of cost to meet the requirements of the entire country.The value of drugs supplied during the last 3 years is given below:

(Rs. in crores.)

2000-01	20.00
2001-02	11.74
2002-03	10.00

These drugs are supplied free of cost to all the States/UTs as per their requirement.

(e) The present target of the Central Government is to achieve elimination of leprosy at the National level, i.e. one leprosy patient per 10,000 population, by the year 2004-05.